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EXDIS - FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: KHADDAM'S MEETINGS IN THE U.S.

1. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH KHADDAM OR HIS DEPUTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN THAT THE SECRETARY VERY MUCH HOPES, DESPITE THE HEAVY DEMANDS ON THE MINISTER'S U. S. SCHEDULE, THAT THE TWO OF THEM COULD HAVE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOOD TALK. THE SECRETARY, THEREFORE, PROPOSES THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER JOIN HIM FOR BREAKFAST IN WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.
2. IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO WASHINGTON THAT EARLY, WE WOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT AT 10:00 THAT SAME DAY.
3. PLEASE REPORT TO US KHADDAM'S REACTION TO THE FOREGOING INVITATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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4. FYI. THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT IF KHADDAM

IS NOT ABLE TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR OCTOBER 2 APPOINTMENT, WHICH WE ARE HOPEFUL OF GETTING, THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE OCTOBER 11, A GOOD MANY DAYS AFTER KHADDAM PLANNED TO DEPART THE U.S.

IF KHADDAM CANNOT ARRANGE TO BE IN WASHINGTON BY OCTOBER 2, EXPLAIN THAT WE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT AT A LATER DATE AND SOUND HIM OUT - WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON OUR PART - AS TO HIS SCHEDULE AFTER HIS UNGA

SPEECH ON THE 6TH. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT

BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S OTHER HEAVY COMMITMENTS, IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT UNTIL SOME DAYS AFTER THAT.

5. ALSO FYI: IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE SCHEDULE ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED ABOVE, THE SECRETARY IS PRESENTLY HOLDING OCTOBER 6 FOR BREAKFAST WITH KHADDAM AND WILL OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH HIM. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE IN WASHINGTON THAT DAY, AND THIS WOULD MEAN THAT KHADDAM WOULD MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT. KISSINGER

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